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# **CORRESPONDENCE STYLE & PROCEDURES GUIDE**

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## FOREWORD

Uniformity is essential to efficient correspondence operations. It prevents confusion and misunderstanding and thus speeds office production. Faster training and increased utilization of personnel also result. This Guide aims to provide for this standardization in the preparation and handling of Agency memorandums and letters.

The standards prescribed were not selected arbitrarily. They were adopted from many tested systems and a consideration of Agency-wide preferences and needs. The rules are relatively simple. However, some study will be necessary if they are to be mastered.

Certain correspondence of the Agency may require the use of special paper or formats and procedures not covered in this Guide. In such cases, the security of the operation or nature of the correspondence will govern the procedures and style to be used. Several components of the Agency have issued Correspondence Manuals and Instructions to meet local requirements. In most instances the basic standards of this Guide are applicable.

The U. S. Government Correspondence Manual (Chapters One and Two) recommends use of the "Block Format" for Government letters. Some Agencies have adopted that format but, as yet, this Agency has not. Nonetheless, the balance of the U. S. Government Correspondence Manual provides excellent guidance in correspondence for administrative offices. Likewise the U. S. Government Printing Office Style Manual is another excellent reference, especially in the area of preferred capitalization, compound words, and punctuation. In this Agency Guide we have tried not to duplicate the material in those Federal Manuals.

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## INTRODUCTION

The material in this Correspondence Guide is arranged in the order considered by a writer or typist. A section on the style standards applicable to any one of the four main formats is provided in Chapter I to minimize repeating these standards in subsequent sections. Personnel should become thoroughly versed with this section since it is frequently referred to throughout the Guide. Separate sections in Chapter II describe memorandums on letterhead stationery, plain bond, and informal Office Memorandum forms. In Chapter III is the format for letters. The remaining chapters cover TOP SECRET material, correspondence prepared for the Director, and finally assembling the correspondence to go forward for signature. Each section is followed by an exhibit illustrating the format described.

This Guide is bound in loose leaf form to allow insertion of changes, or supplemental instructions developed at operating levels. It is recommended that such instructions be reproduced on colored stock, and inserted in the proximity of the guidance material which they supplement.

This Guide concerns only the preparation and handling of memorandums and letters. It does not contain information on other forms of communication such as dispatches, telegrams, and cables, nor does it concern the flow and control of mail within the Agency. The issuances listed in Appendix A cover such subjects.

25X1 An Agency Correspondence Manual was originally prepared by the Records Division, General Services Office, in April 1952. In May 1955 the Records Management Staff prepared the Correspondence Style and Procedures Handbook [redacted] and rescinded the 1952 issue. The Handbook was updated in 1965 and a limited supply produced for training purposes. This current update was prepared in April 1972 with a minimum of changes for limited distribution and use of the [redacted] discontinued. A full revision of this Correspondence Guide is contemplated and will include changes resulting from comments and suggestions received.

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## Chapter I

### BACKGROUND FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE

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#### Section A. DEFINITIONS

1. Official CIA correspondence includes all recorded communications sent or received by Agency personnel in the execution of their official duties. However, for purposes of this Guide the word "correspondence" refers only to memorandums and letters originated within the Agency.
2. Copies. Unless further qualified, the word "copy" as used in this Guide refers to a carbon copy of Agency correspondence. In addition, the following terms apply:
  - a. A courtesy copy is a copy of correspondence furnished certain addressees, and forwarded with the original. Headquarters addressees who have not indicated a need for courtesy copies should not be furnished them. Courtesy copies are not required for addressees outside CIA except Members of Congress and officials of other Federal agencies.
  - b. An official file copy is one prepared on yellow tissue for retention in the official files. Official files are those located in specified elements of the Agency and which contain material officially documenting the operations of that element.
  - c. An information copy is one sent to interested offices other than the addressee.
3. A reference is a brief citation of material which relates to the subject matter of the correspondence. In a memorandum, a reference (or references) may be shown in a reference line, whereas in a letter references are always included in the text.
4. An enclosure is material forwarded with correspondence or forwarded separately, if so indicated.
5. The command line, or the authority line, is used only in memorandums, when the individual signing the correspondence has been delegated

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authority to do so for a higher official. Officials signing for the Director will use "FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE." Command lines for lower echelons are similarly worded except for the official's title.

#### Section B. STATIONERY

6. General. Agency correspondence is prepared on three basic types of stationery: Letterhead, Optional Form 10 (Office Memorandum), and plain bond. In addition, plain stocks of tissue-weight paper for carbon copies are provided in various colors. Exhibit 1 lists the types of stationery used for particular forms of correspondence. Supplemental information is given in Chapters II and III which deal specifically with the preparation of memorandums and letters.
7. Letterheads. Three types of letterheads are available: CIA Letterhead, CIA Letterhead (Office of the Director), and CIA Letterhead (Office of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence). The CIA Letterhead is used in the preparation of all correspondence sent outside the Agency except that prepared for the signature of either the Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. Correspondence for their signature is prepared on CIA Letterhead (Office of the Director) or CIA Letterhead (Office of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence) as appropriate. Letterhead stationery comes in white bond and tissue only.
8. Letterex. Letterex is tissue stationery with a sheet of one-time carbon paper attached. Its use speeds typing operations and reduces carbon soilage of hands, stationery, and clothing. Neater typing productions requiring less preparation time are the result. Letterex is stocked in the Agency supply system in single sheets only, in white, green, yellow, pink, and blue.

#### Section C. WHICH FORM TO USE - MEMORANDUM OR LETTER

9. General. The deciding factor in determining which form of correspondence to use is the title of the addressee to whom the correspondence is being directed. Part I of Exhibit 1 lists in alphabetical order the titles of recipients of CIA correspondence. Beside each title is indicated the form of correspondence appropriate to that addressee. Part II of this exhibit shows the types of stationery to use and requirements for copies.

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10. Memorandum for the Record. The memorandum format is also used in recording telephone conversations and other information to be retained for record purposes. Plain stationery is always used. See Paragraph 54 for format.



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## PART I - FORMAT DETERMINATION

CODE	ADDRESSEE	FORMAT
1	CIA - Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence; Deputy Directors for Support, Intelligence, and Plans	Memorandum
2	CIA - Multiple Addressees	Memorandum
3	CIA officials in Washington <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> activities	Memorandum
4	Congress; Members of	Letter
5	Executive Office of the President	Letter <u>1/</u>
6	Government Agencies (If informality is appropriate, or if replying to incoming correspondence which was in memorandum form)	Memorandum
7	Government Agencies - Multiple Addressees	Memorandum
8	Government Agencies or their officials, except as provided for in Codes 6, 7, and 9-12 inclusive	Letter
9	USIB	Memorandum
10	National Security Council (NSC)	Memorandum
11	Office for Emergency Preparedness	Memorandum
12	President of the United States	Memorandum <u>2/</u>
13	Private individuals and organizations	Letter

1/ & 2/ - Certain circumstances may require a memorandum or letter, respectively.

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EXHIBIT I (Part I)  
FORMAT

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## PART II - TYPES OF STATIONERY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COPIES

KEY: X - Required * - Optional at the discretion of the originator.		ADDRESSEE CODE												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
ORIGINAL	Letterhead Bond				X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Plain Bond	X	X											
	Optional Form 10 (Office Memorandum)			X			*							
COPY REQUIREMENTS	OUTSIDE CIA	"THROUGH" Addressee (Letterhead)					X			X	X	X		
		Multiple Addressees (Letterhead) <u>1/</u>						X						
		Courtesy Copy (Letterhead)				X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	
		Information Copies (Letterhead) <u>2/</u>				X	X		X	X	X	X		X
	WITHIN CIA	"THROUGH" Addressee (Plain white)	X		X									
		Multiple Addresses (Plain white) <u>1/</u>		X										
		Courtesy Copy (Plain white) <u>3/</u>	X		*									
		Information Copies (Plain white) <u>2/</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Official File Copy (Plain white or yellow) <u>4/</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Alphabetical Name Index (Plain pink) <u>5/</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		Return Copy (Plain white or green)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		Hold Copy (Plain white or green)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

NOTE: See Chapter V for requirements if the signing official is either the Director or the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

- 1/ One copy for the second and succeeding addressees listed after "MEMORANDUM FOR" on the original.
- 2/ One copy for each information addressee.
- 3/ Staff studies require two copies.
- 4/ Generally the signing official's copy serves as the Official File Copy. However, if the Official File Copy is to be retained elsewhere:
  - a. Prepare an additional copy on plain tissue for the signing official's file.
  - b. Prepare two copies if the signing official is either the Director or one of his four Deputies.
- 5/ If an alphabetical cross-file is considered necessary.

EXHIBIT I (Part II)  
STATIONERY AND COPY REQUIREMENTS

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## Section D. BASIC STYLE

CIA correspondence is prepared in several formats. However, there are certain style standards applicable to each of these. The following basic elements of all CIA correspondence are therefore described to avoid repetition in succeeding chapters. The sequence of these descriptions parallels the order in which elements would be considered by a typist preparing correspondence.

11. Typing Measurements. Spacing, both horizontal and vertical, is often indicated in terms of inches. The following table converts inches into corresponding typing measurements:

## Across the Page

<u>Inches</u>	<u>Typing Strokes (Approx.)</u>	
	<u>Pica</u>	<u>Elite</u>
1 . . . . .	10	12
1 1/4 . . . . .	13	15
1 1/2 . . . . .	15	18
1 3/4 . . . . .	18	21

## Down the Page

<u>Inches</u>	<u>Approximate Typing Lines (Pica or elite)</u>
1/2 . . . . .	3
1 . . . . .	6
1 1/4 . . . . .	8
1 1/2 . . . . .	9
1 3/4 . . . . .	11
2 . . . . .	12
2 1/4 . . . . .	14

12. Margins. The width of margins may vary with the length of text; however, minimum standards provide that right, left and bottom margins of first pages should not be less than one inch. Margins of second and succeeding pages likewise should not be less than one inch, including the top margin, and should correspond in width to the margins on the first page. The following is a guide to margin widths for memorandums and letters:

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<u>Text Length (First Page)</u>	<u>Side Margins (Approximate)</u>	<u>Special Information</u>
Short (up to 100 words)	1½ inches	Approximately 60 spaces to a line.
Medium (100 to 150 words)	1¼ inches	Approximately 65 spaces to a line.
Full Page (150 to 200 words)	1 inch	A full page with minimum margins is preferable to two pages with wider margins.

13. "IN REPLY REFER TO". "Refer to" designations are placed at the discretion of originating officials only on correspondence requiring a reply and sent outside the Agency. Their use encourages outside correspondents to identify Agency letters and memorandums to which they are replying. Replies thus identified can be routed readily to the office concerned.

In cases where the phrase has not been printed on the letterhead, type the words "IN REPLY REFER TO" flush with the right margin, three spaces below the last line of the letterhead. Immediately below the phrase "IN REPLY REFER TO," type in block style the organizational symbol of the office of signature as well as that of the originating office, if circumstances permit routing the reply direct to this latter office.

Example: IN REPLY REFER TO:  
MS/RMD/RDB

NOTE - The "IN REPLY REFER TO" line is never used in correspondence prepared for signature of the Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

14. Date. The date shown on a memorandum or letter should always be the date on which the correspondence was signed. Accordingly, omit the date whenever correspondence is prepared for signature outside the preparing office, or when there may be some other cause for delay in signing. Always omit the date when preparing correspondence for the signature of the Director of Central Intelligence or his Deputies.

When circumstances permit inclusion of a date at the time of typing, place the date in accordance with specific requirements in Chapters II and III.

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A date is expressed without punctuation in the following sequence: day, month, year--e.g., 15 June 1974. It may be typed or stamped as circumstances dictate. The date should be shown on the original and all copies.

15. Line Spacing. Normally the body of correspondence is single spaced. However, if the text is less than eight lines and consists of but one paragraph, double spacing is used.

NOTE - In memorandums addressed to the President of the United States, regardless of length, double spacing is always used, with double spacing between paragraphs.

16. Paragraphing

- a. Memorandums (Except Those Addressed to the President of the United States) - When a memorandum is but one paragraph in length, the paragraph is not numbered. If the memorandum is two or more paragraphs in length, primary paragraphs are numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals, and subparagraphs are identified alphabetically and numerically. The pattern for paragraphing is as follows:

1. ....  
.....

a. ....  
.....

(1) ....  
.....

(a) ....  
.....

1. ....  
.....

a. ....  
.....

- b. Memorandums for the President - Primary paragraphs are indented five spaces but are not numbered. Subparagraphs, if any, are indented and identified by letters and numerals as shown above.

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c. Letters - Same as memorandums for the President.

17. Quotations. Quotations may be set apart or incorporated in the text of correspondence. When set apart, indent the text five spaces from the left and right margins, two spaces below the text. Block the left margin. For example:

The speaker quoted these words from the Wall Street Journal:

"Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not, and a sense of humor was provided to console him for what he is."

18. Page Number and Identification. The first page of correspondence is not numbered. Second and succeeding pages are numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals centered one-half inch from the bottom of the page. Numerals are typed without parentheses or dashes. Second and succeeding pages of correspondence are also identified as follows:

- a. Memorandums, Staff Studies, and Concurrence Sheets - One inch from the top of the page, flush with the left margin, type the subject of the correspondence as stated on the first page.  
Example:

SUBJECT: Revision of Correspondence Standards

- b. Letters - One inch from the top of the page, flush with the left margin, type the addressee's name and full address. If possible, place this identification on one line. Abbreviations may be used if appropriate. Examples:

Mrs. John Jones, 134 Pine St., Shelbyville, Ky. 40065

or

Hon. Richard B. Randolph, U. S. Senate

19. Continuations. The body of a memorandum or letter is continued on second and succeeding pages, four spaces below the subject line or addressee identification. Plain stationery is always used.

A paragraph of three or fewer lines is not divided between pages. At least two lines of a divided paragraph appear on each page. In dividing a sentence between pages, at least two words of the sentence should appear on each page. In no case is a word divided between two pages.

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If the body of a memorandum or letter is completed so near the bottom of a page that there is no room for the signature, at least two lines of the last paragraph are carried over to the last page. This is done so that the signature will not become separated from the text.

20. Signature and Title. Methods of indicating signatures and titles vary according to different correspondence formats. These methods are described in detail in Chapters II and III which deal with memorandums and letters.

21. Enclosures

- a. Listing Enclosures - Enclosures are listed two spaces below the signature title, beginning with the word "Enclosure" or "Enclosures" typed flush with the left margin. Immediately below and indented two spaces from the left margin, each enclosure is listed by number and briefly described. It is not necessary to number a single enclosure. Do not extend the description of an enclosure beyond the center of the page. Indicate enclosures on the original and all copies.

If an enclosure consists of more than one copy, the number of copies is shown in parentheses following the description of the enclosure. Enclosures forwarded under separate cover should be so identified.

The following illustrate typical enclosure listings:

Single enclosure:

Enclosure:

CIA Training Manual No. 6

Multiple enclosure:

Enclosures:

1. Form 237 (6 copies)
2. ODM letter 5 Jan. 1973
3. CIA Cable Handbook (2 copies - separate cover)

- b. Identifying Enclosures - Enclosures themselves are identified by the abbreviation "Encl." followed by the appropriate enclosure number. This identification is placed only on the first page or

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cover of the document, in the lower right corner about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the bottom of the page. It may be handwritten or typewritten. It is emphasized, however, that it should not be handwritten in ink or typewritten if there is a possibility that the enclosure may be referred to later by some other identification.

22. Copy Distribution. Three rules govern when to show copy distribution information on originals and copies:

- a. Do not show internal CIA distribution on any original or copy to be sent outside the Agency.
- b. On an original, courtesy copy, or information copy to be sent outside CIA, do not show the distribution of information copies for other agencies unless the dictating official desires to inform them that such distribution is being made.
- c. Indicate the distribution of only the information copies on the original, courtesy copy, and information copies of an internal memorandum prepared on plain bond, i.e., one addressed to, or prepared for the signature of, those addressees shown after Code 1 in Exhibit 1.

The format for showing copy distribution information depends upon whether the correspondence is on letterhead, plain bond, or Optional Form 10 (Office Memorandum). See Chapters II and III.

23. Originating Office Identification. This identification consists of the organizational symbol of the office originating the correspondence, the writer's name, the typist's initials, and the date the correspondence was dictated. This information is typed all on one line started flush with the left margin and two spaces below the last copy distribution designation. Standard organizational symbols are used. The writer's name is in initial caps, separated from the organizational symbol by a colon. The typist's initials are in lower case. The date is abbreviated and in parentheses. For example:

MS/RMD/RDB:JCBrown:abc (15 June 74)

The originator's telephone extension should also be shown whenever inclusion of this information will not jeopardize the security of operations. Place the extension immediately after the typist's



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initials, separating it from the initials by a slash mark. For example:

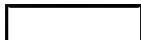
MS/RMD:JCDoe:abc/3742 (1 Sept 74)

The originating office identification is never shown on the following:

- a. Original and copies sent outside the Agency.
- b. The original and courtesy copy of an internal memorandum prepared on plain bond, i.e., one addressed to, or prepared for the signature of those addressees shown after Code 1 in Exhibit 1.
- c. The original and copies of letters of commendation (except the signer's copy).

24. Defense Classification and Control Markings

- a. When Top Secret, Secret, and Confidential correspondence is typed, the classification will be marked on all pages and copies thereof, top and bottom by means of a red-inked rubber stamp, the type of which is noticeably larger than that of the type-written text. The classification marking will be spaced about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the top and bottom of the page. (See next paragraph if a control statement will also be used.) Correspondence duplicated by any other means than typing shall have classification markings placed thereon in accordance with Regulation



- b. When a control statement (such as "Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals") is used with a defense classification, place the appropriate statement immediately below the defense classification wherever it appears. When a control statement is used without a defense classification, place the statement about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the top and bottom of each page.
- c. Correspondence containing classified information and furnished to authorized persons, in or out of Federal service, other than those in the executive branch, in addition to being marked as shown above will bear the following warning:

"This material contains information affecting  
the national defense of the United States  
within the meaning of the espionage laws,

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Title 18, USC, Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law."

This warning shall be stamped at the bottom of the first page of the original and all copies (including file copies, to indicate that the original was correctly marked). The text of this warning is about 3 1/8" wide by 3/4" deep. The first page of typing therefore should stop at about 1 1/2" from the bottom of the page if the warning is to be included. Stamps with this warning are available at Building Supply Rooms.

- d. Under certain circumstances correspondence can be automatically reclassified--e.g., after a specific event or date or upon removal of classified enclosures. The appropriate action shall be indicated by a rubber stamp available at Building Supply Rooms, or by including a statement in the final paragraph of the correspondence. If stamped, place the statement on the first page of the original and all copies, at the top or bottom in proximity with the defense classification marking.

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Section E.

REVIEW, CONCURRENCES, APPROVALS, AND SIGNING AUTHORITY

25. Indicating Review and Concurrences

- a. Indicating Review on Official File Copy - Officials other than the originator shall indicate their review by initialing above their organizational designation at the bottom of the yellow official file copy. The date of initialing should also be shown. The originator will initial over his typed name.
- b. Indicating Concurrences as an Integral Part of a Memorandum (Exhibit 2) - Concurrences may be indicated on the original and all copies of memorandums which will not leave the Agency, when it is desired that concurrences be made an integral part of the correspondence. This method is particularly desirable when considerable coordination or concurrence is necessary outside the originating office, or when the signing official or the recipient of the memorandum may desire a record of concurrences by the officials' surnames and titles.

To provide for these signatures, type the word "CONCURRENCES" flush with the left margin four spaces below the signature line. Beginning six lines below the word "CONCURRENCES" even with the left margin, type a solid line for the signature of the official from whom concurrence is desired. Beneath this line type the official's title. To the right of the signature line type a solid line for the date. Type the word "Date" beneath this line. Repeat this arrangement for each concurring signature desired. Leave six spaces between each signature line.

- c. Indicating Originator and Concurring Officials on Correspondence for Signature of the DCI or DDCI - In order that the Director or the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence may know who has prepared and concurred in correspondence for their signatures, one of the two copies forwarded for retention in their files will bear the signature and title of the originator and each concurring officer. The originator's and concurring officials' signatures should be identified by the words "ORIGINATED BY" and "CONCURRENCES" respectively. The second copy for retention in the files of the DCI or DDCI and all other Agency copies need not bear the signatures of the originator and concurring officials. Their typewritten names will suffice.

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26. Indicating Approval as an Integral Part of a Memorandum (Exhibit 2)

- a. To eliminate preparing additional correspondence at approving levels, a space for the approving official's signature may be provided on the original and all copies of a memorandum which will not leave the Agency. An approval line is indicated by the word "APPROVED" in all caps begun one or two spaces to the right of the center of the page, and six spaces below the last signature line. Two or three spaces to the right of "APPROVED" and on the same line type a solid line for the date. Center the word "Date" beneath the line. Six spaces below the date line and centered with respect to it, type in the approving official's name in all caps. Center his title beneath in initial caps only.
- b. Consider the following requirements when an approval line is used:
  - (1) In addition to the original (which is usually returned to the originating official for necessary action) prepare a copy for retention by the approving official. Furnish two copies if the approving official is the Director or one of his Deputies.
  - (2) Action of the approving official shall be indicated on all copies.
  - (3) Under no circumstances will information or file copies be distributed until action has been taken by the approving official.

27. Responsibility for Review and Concurrences

- a. Originating Official - It is the originating official's responsibility to secure all necessary review and concurrences within his organizational element, and to provide adequate routing of the correspondence to other offices for concurrence. "Provide adequate routing" includes a review of the assembled correspondence to ensure that routing slips bear the names of every office concerned.
- b. Reviewing Officials - Reviewing officials shall sign or initial originals or copies in the spaces provided. Qualified concurrences or nonconcurrences likewise shall be indicated, and the reasons therefor typed to the right of the official's signature

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on the original and all copies of memorandums described in Paragraph 25b, and on all Agency copies described in Paragraph 25c. The reviewing official will also ensure that the copy for his office is not removed from the correspondence assembly since the memorandum is not an official document until signed. The copy for his office will be forwarded from the office of the signing official if the memorandum becomes official.

- c. Secretaries - It is the responsibility of secretaries at concurring levels to type the names of concurring officials, the date action was taken, and any notations of concurrence or qualified concurrence to each copy of a memorandum that will not leave the Agency. The concurring official's signature shall be indicated above his title in the following manner:

/s/ Raymond R. Ross  
Director of Logistics

- 28. Authority to Sign Correspondence. The authority to sign for the Director of Central Intelligence has been delegated by the Director to certain Agency officials. Other authorizations to sign correspondence have been delegated at Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Office Chief, and subordinate levels. The following general rules apply:

- a. Correspondence addressed horizontally shall be signed by an official at the same level as that of the addressee, or by a person to whom authority has been delegated.
- b. Correspondence directed upward shall be signed by or directed through the chief of the element immediately below that of the official to whom addressed.
- c. Correspondence directed downward shall be signed by or directed through the chief of the element immediately above that of the official to whom addressed.

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6 SPACES  
--SUBJECT: Procurement of Overnight Storage Desk Trays  
4 SPACES  
It is therefore recommended that the verbal agreement described  
--herein be concluded officially.-----

5 SPACES  
--M. M. MATTHEWS  
Chief, Support Services Staff  
4 SPACES

CONCURRENCES:-----

Director of Security \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

General Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

U. R. WRIGHT  
Deputy Director  
for Support

6 SPACES BETWEEN  
EACH SIGNATURE LINE

Distribution:  
Orig. and 2 - Addressee  
1 - D/S  
1 - OGC  
1 - C/SSS

EXHIBIT 2  
CONCURRENCES AND APPROVAL WITHIN A MEMORANDUM

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## Chapter II

### MEMORANDUMS

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#### Section A. GENERAL

29. Memorandums are used by CIA officials for interoffice and intra-office communications and to correspond with certain Federal agencies or their officials who likewise use the memorandum format in corresponding with CIA. When to use memorandums is outlined in Part I of Exhibit 1. Part II of this exhibit lists the types of stationery to use and requirements for copies. Further discussion of these elements in this chapter is considered unnecessary. Also, to avoid repeating standards common to each type of memorandum, frequent reference is made to previous paragraphs.
30. This chapter concerns the preparation of memorandums on letterhead stationery, plain bond, and Optional Form 10 (Office Memorandum). Three exhibits are provided:
  - Exhibit 3 - Memorandum on Letterhead
  - Exhibit 4 - Memorandum on Plain Bond
  - Exhibit 5 - Memorandum on Optional Form 10

#### Section B. MEMORANDUMS ON LETTERHEAD

##### Exhibit 3

31. Margins. See Paragraph 12.
32. "IN REPLY REFER TO." The use of this line is optional. See Paragraph 13.
33. Date. If it is appropriate to date the memorandum at the time of typing, place the date immediately below the "Refer to" line as shown in Exhibit 3. If a "Refer to" line is not used, type the date

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on the fifth line below the last line of the letterhead, flush with the right margin. A date is expressed without punctuation in the following sequence: day, month, and year--e.g., 15 June 1974.

34. "MEMORANDUM FOR." Beginning at the left margin, type this heading in all caps, four spaces down from the date, if one has been inserted. If the date has not been typed, begin this heading 9 or 10 lines below the last line of the letterhead. Two spaces after the colon, insert the addressee's title. Continue the title across the page and on a second line if necessary, indenting the second line two spaces in from the beginning of the addressee's title.

Exhibit 3 illustrates a memorandum for only one addressee. However, a memorandum also may be addressed to two or more recipients if each has equal interest in the subject matter or equal authority to take action. In such a case the "MEMORANDUM FOR" line would appear as follows:

MEMORANDUM FOR: Administrative Officer, Office of Defense  
Mobilization  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

The use of multiple addressee memorandums is encouraged to minimize preparation of individual correspondence.

35. "THROUGH" Line. A "THROUGH" line is rarely used in memorandums sent outside the Agency. When appropriate, however, an addressee may be indicated after the word "THROUGH" typed in all caps, even with the left margin and two spaces below "MEMORANDUM FOR." The through addressee is always shown as a title, and is placed in line with the "MEMORANDUM FOR" addressee.
36. "ATTENTION" Line. The use of an "ATTENTION" line in a memorandum is optional. It is used only when the dictating official desires to direct the correspondence to an office or official other than shown after "MEMORANDUM FOR." When used, the word "ATTENTION" is typed in all caps, even with the left margin and two spaces below "MEMORANDUM FOR" or "THROUGH" as the case may be. The addressee following "ATTENTION" may be addressed by name or title.
37. "SUBJECT" Line. The word "SUBJECT" typed in all caps two spaces below the last addressee line, and even with the left margin, introduces a brief statement of the subject of the memorandum. This statement is begun in line with the addressee or addressees listed



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in the foregoing "MEMORANDUM FOR," "THROUGH," or "ATTENTION" lines. The subject should be stated concisely, yet adequately enough to identify the correspondence. Capitalize the first and all other important words. Continue the subject across the page and on a second line, if necessary. Indent the second line two spaces.

38. "REFERENCE" Line. Reference to material related to the subject matter of a memorandum may be cited either in the text or in a "REFERENCE" line. Use of the latter is preferable when repeated reference to the same material may be necessary in the text, or when lengthy titles might tend to complicate sentence structure.

The reference line begins with the word "REFERENCE" or "REFERENCES" typed in all caps beginning at the left margin, two spaces below the subject line. Following this, references are listed with the first word of each reference aligned with the first word of the subject. If more than one reference is listed, designate each alphabetically by small letters in parentheses. A single reference is not so designated. Examples:

Single Reference Line:

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Services Staff

SUBJECT : Proposed Cable Handbook

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 8 July 71 to DDS fr DDP same subj.  
(TS #1234)

Multiple Reference Lines:

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director For Support

SUBJECT : Proposed Correspondence Guide

REFERENCES : (a) Memo dtd 10 Sep 71 to C/SSS fr DDS subj.  
Agency Regulations (DDS 71-10651)  
(b) Minutes of C/SSS Meeting dtd 7 Sep 71  
subj. GPO Style  
(c) Memo dtd 2 Nov 71 to DDS fr DDS&T subj.  
same as above (DDS&T 71-7897 or  
DDS 71-10984)

39. Text. The text of a memorandum begins four spaces below the last line of the "SUBJECT" or "REFERENCE" line as the case may be.
40. Line Spacing. See Paragraph 15.

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41. Paragraphing. See Paragraph 16.
42. Page Numbering and Identification. See Paragraph 18.
43. Continuations. See Paragraph 19.
44. "FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE." The command (or authority) line is used only in memorandums when the individual signing has been delegated the authority to do so for a higher official. Officials signing for the Director will use "FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE." Command lines for lower echelons are similarly worded except for the official's title. The command line is typed in all caps, two lines below the last line of text and five spaces in from the left margin.
45. Signature and Title. The signer's name and title are shown five spaces below the last line of text or the command line. The name of the signer is typed in all caps, one or two spaces to the right of the center of the page. The title is typed immediately below the signer's name, in initial caps only, and centered with respect to the name of the signing official. Place the title on two lines if necessary to achieve the best appearance.
46. Enclosures. Note in Exhibit 3 the method of listing referenced material as an enclosure. See Paragraph 21 for further information on enclosures.
47. Distribution of Original and Copies. When it is desirable to indicate to an addressee outside the Agency that other outside parties or agencies are to receive copies, the recipients of copies are listed under "cc" on the original and every copy prepared. The distribution of the original and all other copies, however, is shown separately under the word "Distribution" only on copies retained in the Agency. Thus the distribution of copies outside the Agency is positively shown on copies retained. Also, this format aids mail handling by showing unquestionably whether or not a courtesy copy is being furnished.

To indicate external distribution of information copies, type "cc:" in lower case flush with the left margin, two lines below the title of the signing official or the enclosure listing. List the information addressees in the following manner, indicating those to receive enclosures:

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cc: Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation (with Encl. 1.)  
Director, Office of Defense  
Mobilization

To show the distribution of the original and all other copies, type the word "Distribution" flush with the left margin, two spaces below the last external information addressee. Immediately below "Distribution" list the original and copies in the following manner:

Distribution:

Orig. and 1 - Addressee  
1 - DD/S  
1 - Exec. Reg. (with basic)  
1 - Chrono

Again--this information is typed only on copies to be retained in the Agency. Paragraph 22, cites other rules governing when to show copy distribution information on originals and copies.

48. Originating Office Identification. "MS/RMD:JCLucas:dje/9876 (22 June 74)" as shown in Exhibit 3 denotes the originating office (MS/RMD), the originating official (JCLucas), the typist (dje), the originator's telephone extension if appropriate (9876), and the date the memorandum was dictated (22 June 74). Refer also to Paragraph 23.
49. Defense Classification and Control Markings. See Paragraph 24.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

THE USE OF A "REFER TO" DESIGNATION IS OPTIONAL

3 SPACES

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
MS/RMD  
15 June 1974

9 SPACES

OMIT THE DATE WHENEVER THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM MAY BE DELAYED. ALWAYS OMIT THE DATE WHEN PREPARING CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THE DCI OR HIS DEPUTIES.

4 SPACES

MEMORANDUM FOR: Administrative Officer, Office of Defense Mobilization

ATTENTION: Assistant Training Officer

SUBJECT: Interagency Correspondence Standards

REFERENCES: (a) ODM memorandum of 8 June 1974 to CIA  
(b) Bureau of the Budget Circular No. 00 of 10 Jan. 1974

4 SPACES

1. References (a) and (b) indicate that there is considerable interest in establishing interagency correspondence standards, with particular emphasis on the format of memorandums. This Agency concurs in this concept, provided complete agreement can be reached among agencies so that only a few exceptions need be considered by letter writers and typists.

2. This memorandum represents the format used by the Central Intelligence Agency in corresponding with certain agencies and officials. Its principal features are:

a. The "IN REPLY REFER TO" line is used at the discretion of the dictating official. Its use encourages correspondents to identify memorandums to which they are replying.

b. THE "MEMORANDUM FOR" and "SUBJECT" lines are required standards. "ATTENTION" and "REFERENCE" lines are optional. When only one reference is cited it is not necessary to identify it alphabetically.

c. In addition to being numbered, second and succeeding pages are identified approximately one inch from the top, by the subject line repeated from the first page.

d. A command line, "FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE" is provided whenever the individual signing the correspondence has been delegated authority to do so for the Director of Central Intelligence.

APPROXIMATELY 1"

EXHIBIT 3 (PART 1)

MEMORANDUM ON LETTERHEAD - FIRST PAGE

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6 SPACES  
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---SUBJECT: Interagency Correspondence Standards

4 SPACES  
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----- 3. The Agency appreciates your interest in standardizing correspondence formats. Additional material on this subject is enclosed and forwarded under separate cover.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

5 SPACES  
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-----A. A. Adams  
Assistant Deputy Director  
for Support

Enclosures: 2 SPACES  
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1. Copy of reference (b)
2. "How To Conserve Stenographic and Typing Skills" (Separate Cover)

1/ cc: Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation (with 2 encls.)

2/ Distribution:  
Orig. and 1 - Addressee (with 2 encls.)  
1 - DTR  
1 - ADD/S  
1 - Exec. Reg.  
1 - MS/RMD

2/ MS/RMD: JCLucas:dje/9876 (15 June 74)

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1/ TYPED ON ALL COPIES RETAINED IN CIA. TYPED ON THE ORIGINAL, THE COURTESY COPY, AND EXTERNAL CIA INFORMATION COPIES IF DICTATOR SO DESIRES.

2/ TYPED ONLY ON ALL COPIES RETAINED IN CIA.  
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----- 2  
↑  
ABOUT 1/2"

EXHIBIT 3 (PART II)

MEMORANDUM ON LETTERHEAD - SECOND PAGE

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Section C. MEMORANDUMS ON PLAIN BOND  
Exhibit 4

50. Margins. See Paragraph 12.
51. Date. If it is appropriate to date the memorandum at the time of typing, place the date nine spaces down from the top of the page. The last numeral should end at the right margin. A date is expressed without punctuation in the following sequence: day, month, and year--e.g., 17 May 1974.
52. "MEMORANDUM FOR." The heading "MEMORANDUM FOR" in all caps is begun even with the left margin, four spaces down from the date, if one has been typed in. If the date is not shown, begin "MEMORANDUM FOR" about 13 lines down from the top of the page. Two spaces after the colon insert the addressee's title. Continue the title across the page and on a second line if necessary, indenting the second line two spaces in from the beginning of the addressee's title.
53. Multiple Addressee Memorandums. Exhibit 4 illustrates a memorandum for only one addressee. However, memorandums are often addressed to two or more Headquarters addressees if each has equal interest in the subject matter or equal authority to take action. In such cases the "MEMORANDUM FOR" line would appear as follows:

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training  
Assistant Director for Collection and  
Dissemination

If it is not practical to list all the addressees after "MEMORANDUM FOR," follow this heading with "Addressees Listed." List these addressees immediately after the heading "Addressee Distribution" which is placed flush with the left margin, two spaces below the title of the signing official or enclosure listing. Indent the addressee titles two spaces in from the margin. If two lines are required for a title, indent the second line an additional two spaces. A multiple addressee listing together with the other distribution designations would appear as follows:

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... would appreciate your comments on the proposed Handbook prior to 18 June 1974.

M. M. MASTERS  
Chief, Support Services Staff

Enclosure:  
Proposed Correspondence Handbook

Addressee Distribution:  
Director of Training-3  
Director of Personnel-3  
Director of Communications-2  
Director of Security-3  
Etc.

cc: Comptroller  
General Counsel

Distribution:  
Addressees above (with encl.)  
MS/RMD  
C/SSS (Chrono)

When this format is used include under "Addressee Distribution" only those officials having equal interest in the subject matter or equal authority to take action. List information addressees under "cc."

The use of multiple addressee memorandums is encouraged to minimize preparation of individual correspondence.

54. Memorandum for the Record. Memorandums prepared exclusively to record telephone conversations and other information of a record nature should be identified by the heading "MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD." The subject line that follows will identify the type of information recorded.
55. "THROUGH" Line. A "THROUGH" line may be used in transmitting Headquarters memorandums. When used, "THROUGH" is typed in all caps, even with the left margin and two spaces below "MEMORANDUM FOR."

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After the word "THROUGH" and in line with the "MEMORANDUM FOR" addressee, type in the title of the official through whom the correspondence will be forwarded.

56. "ATTENTION" Line. Exhibit 4 does not illustrate the use of an attention line; however, memorandums on plain bond may be addressed in this manner. Paragraph 36 and Exhibit 3 describe the use of an attention line.
57. "SUBJECT" Line. See Paragraph 37.
58. "REFERENCE" Line. Although Exhibit 4 does not illustrate the use of a reference line, material related to the subject matter could have been cited in that manner. Paragraph 38 and Exhibit 3 give the format for using a reference line.
59. Text. The text of a memorandum begins four spaces below the last line of the "SUBJECT" or "REFERENCE" line as the case may be.
60. Line Spacing. See Paragraph 15.
61. Paragraphing. See Paragraph 16.
62. Page Numbering and Identification. Exhibit 4 illustrates a single page memorandum. If it had been necessary to continue this memorandum on additional pages, each would have been identified as described in Paragraph 18.
63. Continuations. See Paragraph 19.
64. Command Line. Exhibit 4 does not illustrate the use of a command line. However, under certain circumstances one is used in memorandums addressed to Headquarters addressees. Paragraph 44 describes the use of a command line.
65. Signature and Title. See Paragraph 45.
66. Enclosures. Note in Exhibit 4 that a single enclosure is not identified by a number. Refer to Paragraph 21 for further information.
67. Distribution of Original and Copies. When it is desirable to indicate to the addressee of a memorandum on plain bond that other Agency officials are to receive information copies, the recipients



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of information copies are listed under "cc" on the original and every copy. The distribution of the original and all other copies, however, is shown separately under the word "Distribution," and only on copies other than the original, the courtesy copy (if any), and information copies. Thus copies retained for record purposes show positively whether information addressees were listed on the original. Also, this format aids mail handling by showing unquestionably whether or not a courtesy copy is being furnished.

To indicate the distribution of information copies, type "cc" in lower case flush with the left margin, two lines below the title of the signing official or the enclosure listing. List the information addressees in the following manner, indicating those to receive enclosures:

cc: Director of Security (with encl.)  
Director of Logistics

To show the distribution of the original and all other copies, type the word "Distribution" flush with the left margin, two spaces below the last information addressee. Immediately below "Distribution" list the original and copies in the following manner:

Distribution:  
Orig. and 1 - Addressee  
1 - MS/RMD  
1 - C/MS (Chrono)

Again--this information is not shown on the original, courtesy copy, or information copies. Paragraph 22 cites other rules governing when to show copy distribution information on originals and copies.

68. Originating Office Identification. "CTB/TR:EFGreen:rst/3742 (23 Jan. 74)" as shown in Exhibit 4 denotes the originating office (CTB/TR), the originating official (EFGreen), the typist (rst), the originator's telephone extension if appropriate (3742), and the date the memorandum was dictated (23 Jan. 74). Refer also to Paragraph 23.
69. Defense Classification Markings. See Paragraph 24.

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<p>13 SPACES</p> <p>MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Support</p> <p>THROUGH: Chief, Support Services Staff</p> <p>SUBJECT: Revised CIA Correspondence Handbook</p> <p>4 SPACES</p> <p>1. As requested in your memorandum of 9 January 1974, our clerical training staff has reviewed the first draft of the proposed revised CIA Correspondence Handbook. From this review there evolved the following recommendations regarding memorandum format:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. Increase the space between the subject line and the text from two typing lines to four lines on second pages.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. Indent the command line five spaces from the left margin.</p> <p>2. Editorial notes have been made in the enclosed copy.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">5 SPACES</p> <p>Enclosure: 2 SPACES First Draft of CIA Correspondence Handbook</p> <p>1/ cc: Inspector General</p> <p>2/ Distribution: Orig. and 1 - Addressee 1 - C/SSS 1 - DTR (Chrono) 1 - CTB/TR</p> <p>2/ CTB/TR:EFGreen:rst/3742 (23 Jan 74)</p>	<p>9 SPACES</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: 0.8em;">             OMIT THE DATE WHENEVER THE SIGNED OF A MEMORANDUM MAY BE DELAYED.         </div> <p>23 January 1974</p> <p>4 SPACES</p> <p>O. K. LETTERWRITER Deputy Director of Training</p> <div style="border-left: 1px dashed black; padding-left: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>1/ TYPED ON THE ORIGINAL AND ALL COPIES.</p> <p>2/ NOT TYPED ON THE ORIGINAL, COURTESY COPY, OR INFORMATION COPIES.</p> </div>
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EXHIBIT 4  
MEMORANDUM ON PLAIN BOND

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#### SECTION D. INFORMAL OFFICE MEMORANDUMS

**NOTE:** For several reasons the U.S. Government Correspondence Manual (1968) has dropped the use of Office Memorandum (Optional Form 10). Its use in the Agency is not encouraged and it will be omitted in our revised guides in the future. Bond paper may be used or see Note on Page 33.

70. Margins. The width of margins on Optional Form 10 is governed by the headings "To," "From," and "Subject" preprinted on the stationery. The left margin is therefore placed two spaces after the colon following the word "TO." The right margin should be approximately the same width.
71. Date. If it is appropriate to date the memorandum at the time of typing, place the date after the printed caption in the upper right corner. A date is expressed without punctuation in the following sequence: day, month, and year--e.g., 16 June 1974.
72. "TO" Line. On the "TO" line, starting two spaces after the colon, type the title of the addressee. If two lines are required, indent the second line two spaces.
73. "ATTN" Line. If used, an attention line is denoted by the abbreviation "ATTN" typed in all caps even with and centered between the "TO" and "FROM" lines. The colon after "ATTN" is placed in line with the other colons of the heading. On the "ATTN" line, starting two spaces after the colon, type the title of the addressee.
74. "THRU" Line. If it is desired to forward the memorandum through another office or official, denote this by placing "THRU" followed by the title of the addressee, as shown in Exhibit 4.
75. "FROM" Line. On the "FROM" line, starting two spaces after the colon, type the title of the official who will sign the memorandum.
76. "REF" Line. Although Exhibit 4 does not illustrate the use of a reference line, material related to the memorandum can be cited in a line preceded by the abbreviated heading "REF" placed two spaces below, and in line with, the word "SUBJECT." For example:

SUBJECT: Correspondence Training Material

REF : CIA Cable Handbook, Chapter II

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77. Text. The text of a memorandum on Optional Form 10 begins four spaces below the last line of the "SUBJECT" or "REF" line, as the case may be.
78. Paragraphing. See Paragraph 16.
79. Page Numbering and Identification. Exhibit 5 illustrates four single page memorandums. If it is necessary to continue the text on additional pages, each should be identified as described in Paragraph 18.
80. Continuations. See Paragraph 19.
81. Signature. Five spaces below the last line of text, and one or two spaces to the right of the center of the page, type the name only of the official who is to sign the memorandum. The name is typed in all caps. No title appears after the name when the "FROM" line contains this identification.
82. Enclosures. See Paragraph 21.
83. Distribution of Original and Copies. Distribution information may be shown on the original as well as all copies of memorandums prepared on Optional Form 10. Type the word "Distribution" flush with the left margin, two lines below the signer's name or the enclosure listing. Immediately below "Distribution" list the original and copies in the following manner:

Distribution:

- Orig. - Addressee
- 1 - D/L (with encl.)
- 1 - C/SSS
- 1 - MS/RMD/R&CMB

If it is not desirable to show distribution information on the original, follow the procedure given in Paragraph 67.

84. Originating Office Identification. The abbreviation technique and instructions indicated on page 29 in paragraph 68 may be used on the informal memorandums when it is necessary.

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Originating office identification may be shown on the original as well as all copies.

85. Defense Classification and Control Markings. See Paragraph 24.

NOTE: As indicated above, the use of Optional Form 10 is not encouraged. As a substitute we find that for the past several years components have successfully used the "Speed Letter" (Form 1831) for informal correspondence that requires a reply. Also, "Memorandum For the Record" (Form 1954) is a useful memorandum form. The "Memorandum of Conversation" (Form 1132) is used in reporting conversations of Agency officials with persons outside the Agency as prescribed by [REDACTED] All of these forms are available in Building Supply Rooms and are illustrated in Exhibit 5 on page 34.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY <i>Memorandum of Conversation</i> DATE: _____																															
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FORM NO. 1132  
1 FEB 57

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FORM 1831  
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USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS

**EXHIBIT 5**

**INFORMAL MEMORANDUMS**

(FORMS 1132, 1831, 1954, AND OF-10)

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### Chapter III

#### LETTERS

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##### Section A. GENERAL

86. The letter form of correspondence is used by CIA officials to communicate with Government agencies or their officials, and private individuals and organizations, whenever use of the memorandum form is inappropriate. When to use the letter form is outlined in Part I of Exhibit 1. In addition, Part II of this exhibit lists the types of stationery to use and requirements for copies. Further discussion of these elements in this chapter is considered unnecessary. Also, to avoid repeating style standards previously discussed in this Guide, frequent reference will be made to paragraphs in Section D of Chapter I.
87. Exhibit 6, illustrates the format of a letter addressed to a private individual. However, the format of this sample is equally appropriate to letters addressed to Government officials or agencies.

##### Section B. FORMAT AND STYLE

88. Margins. The finished letter should have a well-balanced appearance. Consider carefully the length of the message, then adjust the margins according to the guide shown in Paragraph 12.
89. "IN REPLY REFER TO." The use of this line is optional. See Paragraph 13.
90. Date. If it is appropriate to date the letter at the time of typing, place the date immediately below the "Refer to" line as shown in Exhibit 6. If a "Refer to" line is not used, type the date five spaces below the last line of the letterhead, flush with the right margin. A date is expressed without punctuation in the following sequence: day, month, and year--e.g., 12 June 1974.

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91. Special Mailing Requirements. Type in all caps any instructions for special handling, such as: SPECIAL DELIVERY, AIR MAIL, and REGISTERED MAIL. Place these instructions two spaces above the address, flush with left margin.
92. Address. Type the address in block form five spaces down from the date if one has been inserted. If the date is not typed, begin the address ten spaces below the last line of the letterhead. Use single spacing. Whenever possible, confine the address to not more than four lines. A two-line address may be doubled spaced, or increased to three lines single spaced by placing the town and State on separate lines.

Write a firm name as it appears on the letterhead used by the correspondent. The administrative title of the person addressed is normally placed on the second line and not on the same line with the name. When it is necessary to continue a name or title to a second line, indent the carry-over two spaces. Example:

Mr. N. B. Smith  
Chief, Regional Budget and  
Accounting Office  
Blank Typewriter Company  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Streets designated by number should be spelled out if under two digits, as well as the words "Street," "Avenue," etc. Type the name of the city and State on the same line, with a comma between them. Include postal ZIP codes.

93. "Attention" Line. An attention line may be required for the proper delivery of a letter to a person other than the addressee. Type the word "Attention," followed by a colon and the name or title of the person, two spaces below the last line of the address and flush with the left margin.
94. Salutation. Type the salutation two spaces below the address (or attention line, if used) flush with the left margin, followed by a colon. Section C of this chapter lists salutations most commonly used in CIA correspondence.

The name used in the salutation is the person or firm addressed, and not the person referred to in the attention line.



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95. Body. Begin the body of the letter two spaces below the salutation line. Short letters of only one paragraph or one sentence may be doubled spaced. Type longer letters single space and double space between paragraphs.
- Primary paragraphs are indented five spaces but are not numbered. Subparagraphs should be avoided; however, when their use is appropriate, they are indented and identified by letters and numerals as described in Paragraph 16.
96. Page Numbering and Identification. See Paragraph 18.
97. Continuations. See Paragraph 19.
98. Complimentary Close. Type the complimentary close two spaces below the last line of the body of the letter, beginning one or two spaces to the right of the center of the page. Section C of this chapter lists complimentary closes most commonly used in CIA correspondence.
99. Signature and Title. Type the name of the signing official five spaces below, and centered with respect to, the complimentary close. Center the official's title immediately below his name. Place the title on two lines if necessary to achieve the best appearance. The official's name and title are typed in initial caps only.
100. Enclosure. Note in Exhibit 6 that the single enclosure is not identified by a number. Refer to Paragraph 21 for further information.
101. Distribution of Original and Copies. When it is desirable to indicate to an addressee outside the Agency that other outside parties or agencies are to receive copies, the recipients of copies are listed under "cc" on the original and every copy prepared. The distribution of the original and all other copies, however, is shown separately under the word "Distribution" only on copies retained in the Agency. Thus the distribution of copies outside the Agency is positively shown on copies retained. Also, this format aids mail handling by showing unquestionably whether or not a courtesy copy is being furnished.

To indicate external distribution of information copies, type "cc:" in lower case flush with the left margin, two lines below the title

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of the signing official or the enclosure listing. List the information addressees in the following manner, indicating those to receive enclosures:

cc: Comptroller General (with Encl. 1)  
Postmaster General

To show the distribution of the original and all other copies, type the word "Distribution" flush with the left margin, two spaces below the last external information addressee. Immediately below "Distribution" list the original and copies in the following manner:

Distribution:

Orig. and 1 - Addressee  
1 - DD/S  
1 - Exec. Reg. (with basic)  
1 - Chrono.

Again--this information is typed only on copies to be retained in the Agency. Paragraph 22 cites other rules governing when to show copy distribution information on originals and copies.

102. Originating Office Identification. "CTB/TR:ABConrad:tuv/2468 (21 April 74)" as shown in Exhibit 6 denotes the originating office (CTB/TR), the originating official (ABConrad), the typist (tuv), the originator's telephone extension if appropriate (2468), and the date the letter was dictated (21 April 74). Refer also to Paragraph 23.
103. Defense Classification and Control Markings. See Paragraph 24.

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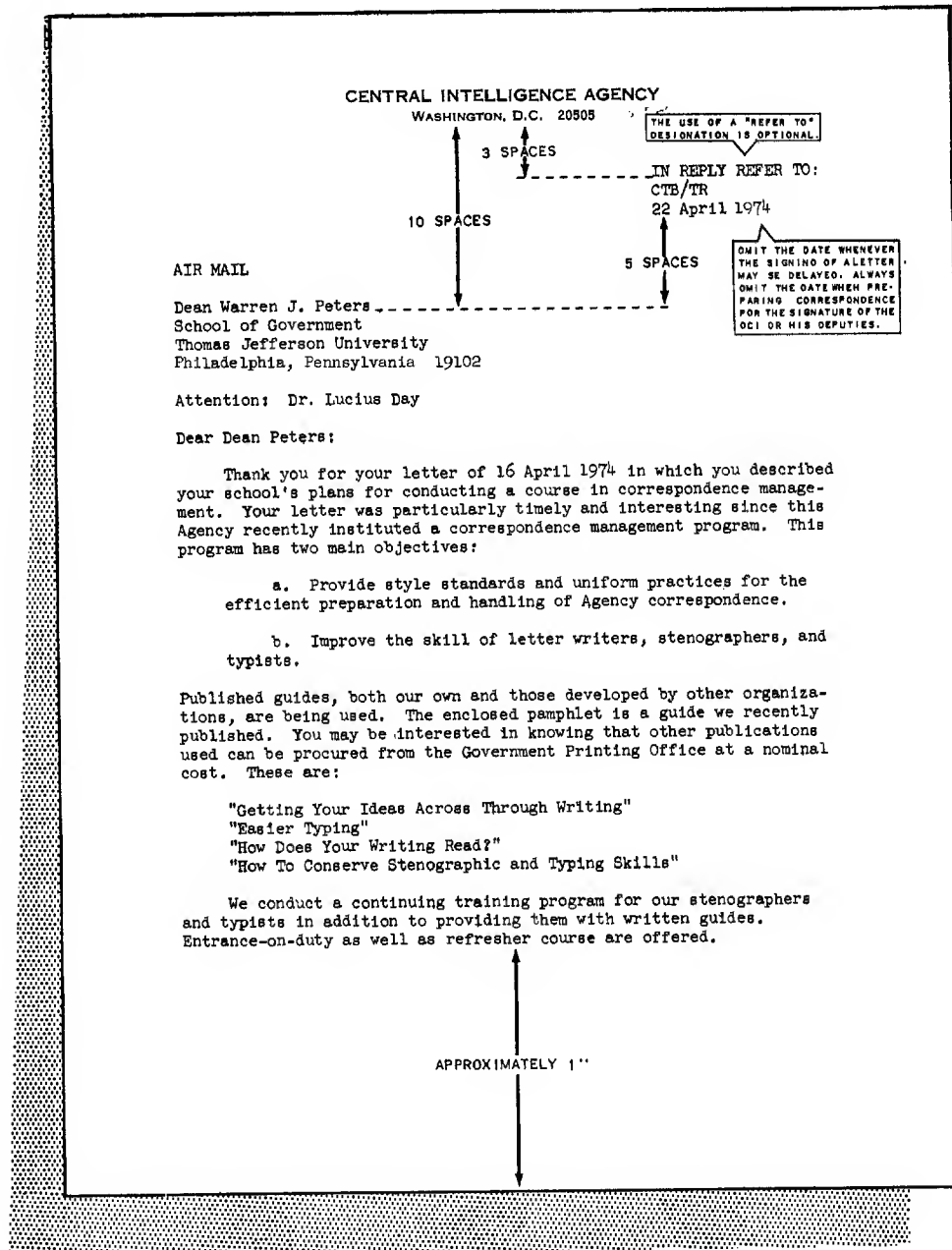


EXHIBIT 6 (PART 1)  
LETTER FORMAT - FIRST PAGE

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6 SPACES  
-----Dean W. J. Peters, Thomas Jefferson Univ., Phila., Penna. 19102

4 SPACES  
-----The Agency joins me in wishing you success with the proposed  
correspondence management curriculum. Please call upon us if we can  
be of further service.

2 SPACES  
-----Very truly yours,

5 SPACES  
-----Walter P. McConaughey  
Director of Training

Enclosure: 2 SPACES  
-----Pamphlet, "Correspondence Management"

1/ cc: Dean, American University School  
of Government (with encls.)

2/ Distribution:  
Orig. - Addressee  
1 - C/SSS  
1 - DTR (with basic)  
1 - CTB/TR

2/ CTB/TR:ABConrad:tuv/2468 (21 April 74)

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1/ TYPED ON ALL COPIES RETAINED IN CIA. TYPED ON THE ORIGINAL, THE COUR-  
TESY COPY, AND EXTERNAL CIA INFORMATION COPIES IF OICATDR SO DESIRES.

2/ TYPED ONLY ON ALL COPIES RETAINED IN CIA.

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2  
ABOUT 1/2"

EXHIBIT 6 (PART II)  
LETTER FORMAT - SECOND PAGE

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## SECTION C

### FORMS OF ADDRESS, SALUTATION, AND COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE

Rather than continually update and reprint ten pages of guidance on address and salutation formats for government letters, the reader is referred to the U. S. Government Correspondence Manual available in the Agency Supply Rooms (Federal Stock No. 7610-889-3558).

Chapter 5, "Models of Address" in that U. S. Government Correspondence Manual (1968) covers the address, salutation, and complimentary close for more than forty different government and civilian officials to whom Agency officers may have occasion to write. EXCEPTIONS: The Agency uses the title "The Honorable" where appropriate as opposed to the Government Manual which omits "The". The reader is reminded to check Chapter V of this Guide for Director's preference for a complimentary close to his letters.

NOTE: Also in the U. S. Government Correspondence Manual (1968) the entire Part II (which covers capitalization, spelling, compound words, punctuation and abbreviations) is compatible with the Agency practices and the GPO Style Manual. Both Manuals are recommended for Agency use and that material will not be reiterated in this Guide.

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#### Chapter IV

#### PREPARATION OF TOP SECRET CORRESPONDENCE

104. Policy. Top Secret information must be protected from the instant it is prepared. This rule applies to material in the draft stage as well as final copies. As soon as the defense classification Top Secret is assigned, all precautions and controls for safeguarding the material must be followed. Stenographic and clerical personnel have a singularly important responsibility in this respect since they initiate the make-up of Top Secret documents. Without exception, they should always be sure that all Top Secret documents received by their office or transferred from their custody are always logged by the Area Top Secret Control Officer, who is available to help and advise on any Top Secret matter.
105. Format. The format for Top Secret correspondence is generally the same as that prescribed in preceding chapters except as hereinafter described.
106. Top Secret Control Identification Markings. Each copy of every page of Top Secret correspondence shall be identified by the following:
  - a. Top Secret Control Number - Obtain a Top Secret control number from your Area Top Secret Control Officer. Type "CIA TS Control No. \_\_\_\_" in the lower right corner, about an inch and a half from the bottom of the page.
  - b. Stage of Preparation - Enter the stage of preparation immediately below the control number (which will remain the same through all stages). These stages are:
    - (1) Draft - Indicate whether "1st Draft," "2d Draft," etc.
    - (2) Final - The first run of a document in final form is indicated as "Final-A." Successive runs without change are identified as "Final-B," "Final-C," etc.
    - (3) Revision - Changes in the content of a basic document are shown as "1st Revision," "2d Revision," etc.
  - c. Copy Number - Enter "Copy No. \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_" immediately below the stage of preparation.

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Identification markings a, b, and c above thus will appear as a group in the lower right corner of every page of each copy. A typical grouping would appear as:

CIA TS Control No. 023456

Final-A

Copy No. 5 of 6

107. Page Numbering. Enter "Page No.      of     " at the bottom of each page, centered about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the lower edge, allowing sufficient room below for the Defense Classification (and control statement, if used).

108. Enclosures

a. Listing Enclosures

- (1) Enclosures which are unclassified or classified through Secret are listed as shown in Paragraph 21.
- (2) Top Secret enclosures are listed in the following manner:

Enclosures:

1. CIA TS Control No. 123456, 1st Revision,  
Copy No. 2
2. CIA TS Control No. 09874, Final-A,  
Copy No. 6

- b. Identifying Enclosures - Each enclosure to a Top Secret document will be identified on each page in the lower right corner as follows:

"Enclosure No.      to CIA TS Control No.     "

Every page of each enclosure will be paginated as "Page No.      of     " at the bottom in the center about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the lower edge.

If the enclosure is a Top Secret document, enter "Enclosure No.      to CIA TS Control No.     " above the TS control identification markings already appearing in the lower right corner of each page.

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109. Distribution. The distribution of the original and copies of Top Secret correspondence is shown on all copies retained in the Agency. To indicate this distribution, type the word "Distribution" flush with the left margin, two lines below the last line of the memorandum or letter (i.e., either the signature, title, or enclosures listing). Immediately below the word "Distribution" list the recipients of the original and each copy of the correspondence. For example:

Distribution:

Copy No. 1 and 2 - Addressee  
3 - C/YY  
4 - C/ZZ  
5 - C/XX  
6 - RI

110. Top Secret Control. After Top Secret correspondence has been prepared, all controls for Top Secret material must be initiated. Consult your Area Top Secret Control Officer for the proper procedure to be followed.



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## Chapter V

### CORRESPONDENCE PREPARED FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THE DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Correspondence prepared for the signature of the Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence generally conforms to the format standards set forth in preceding chapters except as hereinafter described.

#### 111. Stationery and Number of Copies

- a. Letters or memorandums (see Exhibit 1 to determine which is appropriate) addressed to the President, Executive Office of the President, Members of Congress, or officials of other Government agencies:
  - Original (DCI or DDCI letterhead bond).
  - Courtesy Copy (none with letters).
  - Copy for "Through" addressees, if any (tissue letterhead).
  - Executive Registry Copy (plain white tissue).
  - Signer's copy (plain white tissue).
  - Copy for return to originator (plain white tissue).
  - Information and other copies as may be desired by originator.
- b. Letters addressed to private individuals and organizations other than listed in paragraph a. above:
  - Same as above (no courtesy copy).
- c. Memorandums forwarded to DCI or DDCI for approval thereon:
  - Original, which normally is returned to the originator upon approval or disapproval (plain bond).
  - Official File Copy for Executive Registry (plain white tissue).
  - Copy for approving official (plain white tissue).
  - Information and other copies as may be desired by originator.

NOTE: Signatures of the originator and concurring officials should be shown on the original memorandum, and the identification of these officials included on all file copies.

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112. "In Reply Refer To." Although the use of this line is optional for correspondence signed by other officials of CIA, it is never used in correspondence for the signature of the Director or the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.
113. Date. The date is always omitted at the time of typing.
114. Complimentary Close. The complimentary close is "Sincerely" except for correspondence addressed to the President or Vice President. "Respectfully yours" is then used.
115. Disposition of Basic Correspondence. If the correspondence for the signature of the DCI or DDCI is in the nature of a reply, indicate under "Distribution" the disposition of the basic correspondence. For example:
- Distribution:  
Orig. and 1 - Addressee  
          1 - C/AAA w/cy of basic  
          2 - C/BBB  
          1 - Exec. Reg. w/basic  
          1 - DCI
116. Originator's and Concurring Officials' Signatures on DCI or DDCI Copy. In order that the Director or the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence may know who has prepared and concurred in correspondence for their signature, one of the two copies forwarded for retention in their files will bear the signature and title of the originator and each concurring official. The originator's and concurring officials' signatures should be identified by the words "ORIGINATED BY," and "CONCURRENCES" respectively. The second copy for retention in the files of the DCI or DDCI and all other Agency copies need not bear the signatures of the originator and concurring officials. Their typewritten names will suffice.
117. Transmittal or Covering Memo for the Director or Deputy Director. Correspondence for the signature of the DCI or DDCI shall be accompanied by a brief transmittal or covering memo of one or two paragraphs explaining the background. These covering memos are prepared on plain bond and tissue stock. Copies should be kept to a minimum. A covering memo should not be dated at the time of typing unless there is assurance that it will be signed on the same day it is prepared. Exhibit 7 illustrates the format of a correspondence transmittal or covering memo.
118. Assembling and Forwarding. All correspondence will be complete with proper routing slips, envelopes, addresses, room numbers, receipts,

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and if necessary, postage slips. The assembly is forwarded with all copies and basic material to the Executive Registry.

NOTE: The salutation preferred at present is "My Dear Mr." as opposed to the Federal Manual recommendation of "Dear Mr."

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13 SPACES

9 SPACES

14 June 1974

4 SPACES

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Interagency Correspondence Standards

4 SPACES

1. This Agency is contributing suggestions for the development of interagency correspondence standards in cooperation with the General Services Administration.

2. The attached correspondence for your signature conveys our ideas on the subject to those agencies which have expressed an interest in the standardization program.

5 SPACES

JOHN J. JACKSON  
Director of Training

\* Distribution:  
Orig. - Addressee  
1 - CTE/TR

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\* TYPED ON FILE COPIES ONLY.

INSERT DATE AT THE TIME BRIEF IS SIGNED.

EXHIBIT 7  
CORRESPONDENCE TRANSMITTAL

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Chapter VI

ASSEMBLING AND FORWARDING CORRESPONDENCE

Section A.

MATERIALS FOR ASSEMBLING AND FORWARDING CORRESPONDENCE

119. This form is an invaluable aid to officials reviewing correspondence. It is particularly helpful when correspondence is bulky or is to be reviewed for concurrence or approval by several officials.

OFFICIAL  
FILE  
COPY

Form  
163

SIGNATURE

CONCUR

APPROVAL

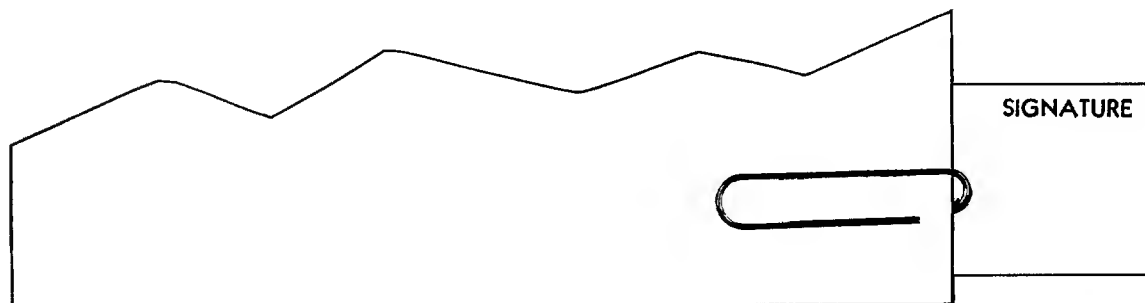


EXHIBIT 8

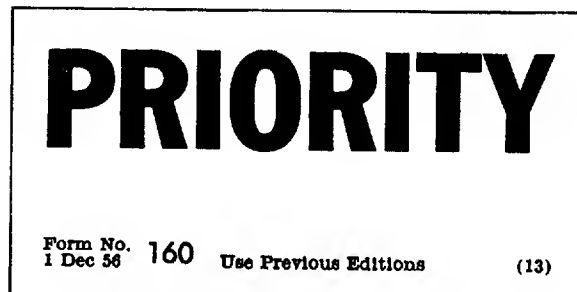
Reference tabs are designed for repeated use. They are attached with paper clips as shown. For bulky correspondence that is too thick to

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permit the use of paper clips, insert a blank sheet of paper in front of the enclosure and attach the tab to the sheet.

Reference tabs are available at Building Supply Rooms.

120. Transmittal and Routing Forms and Receipts (Obtainable from Building Supply Officers)
- a. Priority Tag, Form No. 160 - This form aids in expediting the routing and processing of correspondence whenever other than routine handling is required. The tag is red, size 3" x 1½", and is reusable.



SAME SIZE AS SHOWN

EXHIBIT 9

- |                  |          |           |
|------------------|----------|-----------|
| TRANSMITTAL SLIP |          | DATE      |
| TO:              |          |           |
| ROOM NO.         | BUILDING |           |
| REMARKS          |          |           |
| FROM:            |          |           |
| ROOM NO.         | BUILDING | EXTENSION |
- FORM NO. 241 REPLACES FORM 38-8  
1 FEB 55 WHICH MAY BE USED. (47)

EXHIBIT 10

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## c. Official Routing Slip, Form 237

Correspondence or other material routed in consecutive order to two or more parties in Headquarters is transmitted by an Official Routing Slip.

SENDER WILL CHECK CLASSIFICATION TOP AND BOTTOM					
UNCLASSIFIED		CONFIDENTIAL		SECRET	
<b>OFFICIAL ROUTING SLIP</b>					
TO	NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE	INITIALS		
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
ACTION		DIRECT REPLY		PREPARE REPLY	
APPROVAL		DISPATCH		RECOMMENDATION	
COMMENT		FILE		RETURN	
CONCURRENCE		INFORMATION		SIGNATURE	
<b>Remarks:</b> <div style="height: 150px; border: 1px solid black;"></div>					
FOLD HERE TO RETURN TO SENDER					
FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.					DATE
UNCLASSIFIED		CONFIDENTIAL		SECRET	

FORM NO. 1-67 **237** Use previous editions (40)

ACTUAL SIZE - 5" x 8"

EXHIBIT 11



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## d. Document Control, Form 238

This six-part form is designed to provide intraoffice mail control when the volume of correspondence justifies using control measures. Generally other transmittal or routing slips are unnecessary when this form is used.

PAPER PATENTED BY NCR CO.      MC GREGOR & WERNER, INC., WASHINGTON 9, D.C.      GP-40523					
FORM NO. 238 1 MAY 58		REPLACES FORM 35-1 WHICH IS OBSOLETE		DOCUMENT CONTROL (13-40)	
SEC. CL.		ORIGIN		CONTROL NO.	
DATE OF DOC.	DATE REC'D	DATE OUT	SUSPENSE DATE	CROSS REFERENCE OR POINT OF FILING	
TO FROM SUBJ.				ROUTING	DATE SENT
COURIER NO.		ANSWERED		NO REPLY	
				1	
COURIER NO.		ANSWERED		NO REPLY	
				2	
COURIER NO.		ANSWERED		NO REPLY	
				3	
COURIER NO.		ANSWERED		NO REPLY	
				4	
COURIER NO.		ANSWERED		NO REPLY	
				5	
COURIER NO.		ANSWERED		NO REPLY	
				6	

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## e. Routing and Record Sheet, Form 610

The extent of review and concurrence in offices through which correspondence may pass is often indefinite. Therefore, for correspondence of more than a routine nature, provision should be made for extended routing. Routing and Record Sheet serves this purpose. In addition, it provides space for added comments and serves as a protective covering over the original.

<input type="checkbox"/> UNCLASSIFIED		<input type="checkbox"/> INTERNAL USE ONLY		<input type="checkbox"/> CONFIDENTIAL		<input type="checkbox"/> SECRET	
<b>ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET</b>							
SUBJECT: (Optional)							
FROM:				EXTENSION		NO	
						DATE	
TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)				DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	
				RECEIVED		FORWARDED	
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							
7.							
8.							
9.							
10.							
11.							
12.							
13.							
14.							
15.							
COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)							
FORM 3-62 610 USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS		<input type="checkbox"/> SECRET		<input type="checkbox"/> CONFIDENTIAL		<input type="checkbox"/> INTERNAL USE ONLY	
		<input type="checkbox"/> UNCLASSIFIED					

ACTUAL SIZE - 8" x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

EXHIBIT 13



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## g. Courier Receipt and Log Record, Form 240

All envelopes or packages containing material classified CONFIDENTIAL and above, and transmitted between buildings within or outside CIA, are customarily accounted for by Courier's Receipts. Receipts are prepared in an original and two copies. Copy one is inserted in window pocket or securely attached to envelope or package without window pocket. Copies 2 and 3 contain logging information for use by originator and recipient. When log data has been added to the Courier Receipt, copy 3 shall be inserted inside the package to be delivered to the addressee. The copy #3 becomes the log record in the receiving office.

FROM		No. <b>B 02221</b>	
		DATE	
TO:		TYPE OF MATERIAL	
		ENVELOPE(S)	
		PACKAGE(S)	
		OTHER	
<small>ORIGINATOR: DO NOT COMPLETE THIS COPY BELOW THIS LINE. REMOVE THIS COPY IF LOG DATA IS TO BE ADDED ON COPIES 2 AND 3. INSERT ONLY THIS COPY IN THE WINDOW POCKET, OR ATTACH SECURELY TO ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE WITHOUT A WINDOW POCKET.</small>			
SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT (NOT INITIALS)		DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT	
FORM 240		COURIER'S RECEIPT	
		1	

WHITE RECEIPT - FOR MATERIAL CLASSIFIED  
CONFIDENTIAL OR SECRET

COURIERS' CLASSIFIED MAIL RECEIPT		OFFICE		SIGNATURES		
TO		Symbol	Receipt No.	OF SUBSEQUENT COURIERS	PICKUP	
FROM		THIS DATE			Date	Time
TYPE OF MATERIAL				1.		
<input type="checkbox"/> SEALED ENVELOPE <input type="checkbox"/> SEALED PACKAGE <input type="checkbox"/> LOCKED MAIL BAG				2.		
				3.		
				4.		
				5.		
				6.		
				7.		
				8.		
CERTIFICATION OF GOOD CONDITION				RECEIPT		
SIGNATURES CONSTITUTE CERTIFICATION THAT MATERIAL INDICATED HEREON IS RECEIVED IN GOOD CONDITION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON BACK OF THIS RECEIPT						
1. SIGNATURE OF ORIGINAL COURIER		Pickup Date	Pickup Time	BY (Signature)	Date	Time
Form No. 240a		16-72900-1 GPO		(25-33)		

Form 240a (pink) is used for transmitting Top Secret material.

EXHIBIT 15

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## h. Document Receipt, Form 615

A Document Receipt is required for all correspondence classified SECRET transmitted outside CIA. Its use is optional for SECRET correspondence transmitted within the Agency and CONFIDENTIAL material forwarded outside CIA. Document Receipts are prepared in an original and one copy. The original is transmitted with the correspondence; the copy is retained by the sender until the original bearing the recipient's signature is returned. The copy is then destroyed.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY <b>DOCUMENT RECEIPT</b>		<b>NOTICE TO RECIPIENT</b> Sign and Return as Shown on Reverse Side		COURIER REC. NO.	DATE SENT
SENDER OF DOCUMENT(S)		ROOM	BLDG.	DATE DOCUMENT(S) SENT	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT(S) SENT</b>					
CIA NO.	DOCUMENT DATE	COPIES	DOCUMENT TITLE (IN BRIEF)	ATTACHMENTS	CLASS
<b>RECIPIENT</b>					
ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT			SIGNATURE (ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF ABOVE DOCUMENT(S))		
			OFFICE		DATE OF RECEIPT

FORM 10-70 615 USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS

(33)

## FRONT

## TO: CIA RECIPIENT

Place signed receipt in outgoing messenger box for return to sender of document through agency messenger service.

## TO: NON-CIA RECIPIENT

Place signed receipt in envelope and transmit to:

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505  
STOP 64

## BACK

ACTUAL SIZE - 3½" x 7½"

EXHIBIT 16

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## i. Postage Slip, Form 239

A Postage Slip shall be completed and attached to each piece of correspondence which will require special postage or handling. Envelopes and labels which bear the penalty indicia may require additional postage for special type services. In completing the Slip, indicate the type of mailing service desired, and fill in each pertinent space except the box marked "For Use by Central Mail Only." In addition, type the words "DO NOT METER" if for security reasons the postage should not be affixed by a postage meter.

NOTE: A single Postage Slip may be used to cover a group of letters if each letter in the group requires only first class postage. For such cases, type the word "various" in the addressee box on Form 239, followed by the number of addressees in parentheses. Attach a listing of these addresses.

Postage Slips will be required when the originator of registered correspondence desires a Return Receipt Card for Registered Mail, Post Office Form 3811.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE.			REQUEST FOR POSTAGE		
REQUIRED SERVICES					
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST CLASS	<input type="checkbox"/> PARCEL POST	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (EXPLAIN FULLY)			
<input type="checkbox"/> AIR MAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> FILM OR BOOK RATE				
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL DELIVERY	<input type="checkbox"/> INSURED (VALUE _____)				
<input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL HANDLING				
<input type="checkbox"/> RETURN RECEIPT*	<input type="checkbox"/> DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY*				
*AVAILABLE ONLY ON REGISTERED AND INSURED MAIL					
ADDRESSEE			CENTRAL MAIL ONLY		
ADDRESS			DISPATCHED		
			DATE	TIME	CLERK
ORIGINATING OFFICE			POSTAGE AFFIXED		
DATE	EXTENSION	BY			

FORM 239 Use previous editions  
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SAME SIZE AS SHOWN

EXHIBIT 17

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121. Envelopes and Labels

- a. Types - Envelopes and labels used by the Agency fall into two groups: Those that bear the penalty indicia and those that do not. Penalty indicia (franked) envelopes and labels have printed in the upper left corner the penalty clause "Penalty for Private Use to Avoid Payment of Postage, \$300." In addition, they bear in the upper left corner various Agency return addresses. Official mail (weighing four pounds or less) marked with penalty indicia is transmitted without prepaid postage by means of the facilities of the Post Office between points within the United States, its Territories and possessions, and from points within the United States to Canada, South and Central America, and Caribbean Republics, except Argentina and Brazil.

The types of envelopes and labels available (irrespective of Agency return addresses) are as follows:

PENALTY INDICIA

White envelopes, sizes 8 7/8" x 3 7/8" and 9 1/2" x 4 1/8"

White window envelope, size 8 7/8" x 3 7/8"

Kraft envelopes, various sizes from 9 1/2" x 6 1/2" through 16" x 12"

Label, gummed, size 5" x 3"

NONPENALTY

White envelopes, sizes 8 7/8" x 3 7/8" and 9 1/2" x 4 1/8"

White envelope, Air Mail, colored border, size 9 1/2" x 4 1/8"

White window envelope, size 8 7/8" x 3 7/8"

Kraft envelopes, various sizes from 9 1/2" x 6 1/2" through 16" x 12"

CHAIN ENVELOPES

U. S. Government Messenger Envelope, Standard Form No. 65, various sizes

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CHAIN ENVELOPES (Continued)

Central Intelligence Agency Chain Envelope, sizes 10" x 15" and 9 1/2" x 12 1/2"

Chain envelopes are designed for repeated use. In addressing a chain envelope, completely cross out previous names and addresses, and in the next unused frame insert the full address of the recipient, including his office designation, building designation, and room number. For economy, the use of chain envelopes is encouraged.

b. Which Type to Use

- (1) Exhibit 18 shows the types of envelopes and labels to use. Of necessity this guide is very general since security and operational requirements will govern the use of certain envelopes and labels. It is therefore recommended that the guide be used in conjunction with current CIA Security Regulations and specific office procedural issuances.
- (2) The U.S. Postal Service places severe restrictions on the use of penalty indicia envelopes and labels. Also, economy dictates that they be used judiciously. Penalty indicia envelopes and labels therefore shall not be used for:
  - (a) Personal correspondence and other unofficial material even though a postage stamp is affixed over the penalty indicia clause.
  - (b) Mail on which additional postage is required (air mail, mail for foreign countries except as indicated in Paragraph 121a and mail weighing more than four pounds).
  - (c) Inner envelopes which transmit double-sealed classified correspondence.
  - (d) Mail conveyed through channels other than Post Office facilities (i.e., messenger, courier, etc.).

In addition, do not affix franked labels to envelopes bearing the penalty indicia clause.



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NOTE: This guide is very general since security and operational requirements will often govern the use of certain envelopes and labels. It is recommended that it be used in conjunction with current CIA Security Regulations, specific office directives, and information obtainable from the Central Mail Room.

TYPE OF MAILING OR USE	RETURN ADDRESS		TYPE OF ENVELOPE OR LABEL TO USE	POSTAGE SLIP REQUIRED
	CIA, <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 5px;"> </span> or SSU	OTHER		
Inner envelope for the transmission of double-sealed classified material	X	X	Nonpenalty	No
Within Headquarters	X	X	Nonpenalty (CIA Chain, U. S. Govt. Messenger, or regular envelope, depending upon security requirements)	No
Inter-Agency (Washington, D. C. area only)	X	X	Nonpenalty (U. S. Govt. Messenger or regular envelopes depending upon security requirements)	No
Official mail, four pounds or under, directed to addressees in the continental U. S., U. S. Territories and possessions, Canada, Caribbean Republics, Central and South America (except Argentina and Brazil)	X	X	Penalty	No
			Nonpenalty	Yes
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Special Delivery	X		Penalty	Yes
		X	Nonpenalty	Yes
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		X	Nonpenalty (Nonwindow)	Yes
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		X	Nonpenalty (Nonwindow)	Yes

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**EXHIBIT 18**

TYPES OF PENALTY AND NONPENALTY ENVELOPES  
AND LABELS FOR TRANSMITTING OFFICIAL MAIL

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Section B. ADDRESSING MAIL

122. Addressing Envelopes for Transmittal Outside CIA

- a. Address - In addressing an envelope, begin the typing at approximately one-half the depth and one-half the width of the envelope. Single space the name and address in block style. The envelope address will be the same as the address on the letter it carries.
- b. Special Delivery and Registered Mail - If correspondence is to be dispatched by special delivery or registered mail, type the words "SPECIAL DELIVERY" or "REGISTERED MAIL" in all caps four spaces above, and flush with, the address.
- c. Air Mail - If correspondence is to be dispatched by air mail, no special instructions are necessary provided an air-mail envelope is used. If an air-mail envelope is not available, use a plain white envelope without a penalty indicia. Type the words "AIR MAIL" in all caps four spaces above, and flush with, the address.

123. Addressing Inter-Office Mail. The incorrect addressing of inter-office mail results in transmission delays and places an unwarranted burden on the courier-messenger service. Personnel forwarding material shall ensure that addresses contain the following information:

- a. Office of origin.
- b. Office designation of addressee (position title or name may be added if desired).
- c. Building designation.
- d. Room number.

In the few instances where it is necessary to expedite delivery, the envelope or package may be marked "Direct Delivery" or "Delivery to Addressee," in addition to information required in a. through d. above.

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Section C. ASSEMBLING AND FORWARDING CORRESPONDENCE

124. Assembling Correspondence (Exhibit 19)

- a. Final responsibility for the correct assembly of correspondence rests with the originator. Correspondence correctly assembled will include the following items, as appropriate, in the sequence indicated:
  - (1) Transmittal or routing slip, Routing and Record Sheet, or Control and Cover Sheet, as appropriate. See Paragraph 120. and accompanying exhibits.
  - (2) Covering or transmittal memo for the Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, if required.
  - (3) Original and courtesy copy, if any, clipped together.
  - (4) Addressed envelope for the original and courtesy copy, with postage slip attached if required.
  - (5) Information copies for addressees outside CIA, with addressed envelope and completed postage slips attached, if required.
  - (6) Information copies (or concurring officials' copies) for distribution within the Agency, with addressed routing slips attached if necessary.
  - (7) Official file copy (white tissue).
  - (8) Original incoming correspondence, enclosures, etc., and any other material to be attached to the official file copy as part of the official file on the correspondence.
  - (9) Extra copy (or copies) for the Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. If the signing official is either the DCI or DDCI and the official file copy is to be retained at either of these levels, prepare an additional copy on plain white tissue. However, if the official file copy of correspondence for their signature is to be retained at another level, prepare two extra copies on plain white tissue for the DCI or DDCI.

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- (10) Alphabetical Name Index copy (plain pink tissue) if an alphabetical cross-file is desired.
- (11) Return copy (if desired) with addressed routing slip for its return.
- (12) Reference material for return to reference sources.
- (13) "Hold Back" copy (if desired).

b. In addition to the foregoing:

- (1) The original and copies of each Top Secret document shall be covered by a Control and Cover Sheet, Form No. 26.
- (2) A completed Document Receipt will be attached to each original or copy requiring a receipt in accordance with current CIA Security Regulations.
- (3) Copies for distribution within the Agency will be designated by a check mark beside the office designations indicated under "Distribution." If the distribution of copies is within an office and such a means of indicating distribution is adequate for routing, routing slips need not be attached to the copies.
- (4) Enclosures shall be attached by clips to the original or copies transmitting them.
- (5) Assembly reference tabs (Exhibit 8) will be attached whenever their use will expedite the review and approval of correspondence.
- (6) The completed assembly should include all necessary routing slips, envelopes, receipts, and postage slips, properly completed and attached to respective material.
- (7) Material shall be fastened together with paper clips and made a part of the completed assembly by spring clips, if necessary. Staples should be used with discretion, consideration being given to the amount and type of handling the correspondence may receive.

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- (8) If it is anticipated that correspondence will receive considerable handling, a backing sheet of bond paper or heavier stock should be attached to protect the back pages.

125. Forwarding Correspondence

- a. Assembled correspondence will be forwarded through channels prescribed by directives issued at office levels. Correspondence for the signature of either the Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence will be forwarded through channels to the Executive Registry. Only transmittal media complying with the security requirements of current CIA Security Regulations will be used.
- b. Envelopes used in forwarding correspondence and other material within the Agency shall be sealed only with string ties (U. S. Government Messenger Envelopes), the gumming on envelope flaps, and CIA gummed labels. Scotch tape or staples will not be used to seal envelopes. In addition, extreme care should be exercised when courier receipts and other slips are stapled to envelopes containing material. Material should be free for removal and should not be damaged by the penetration of staples.

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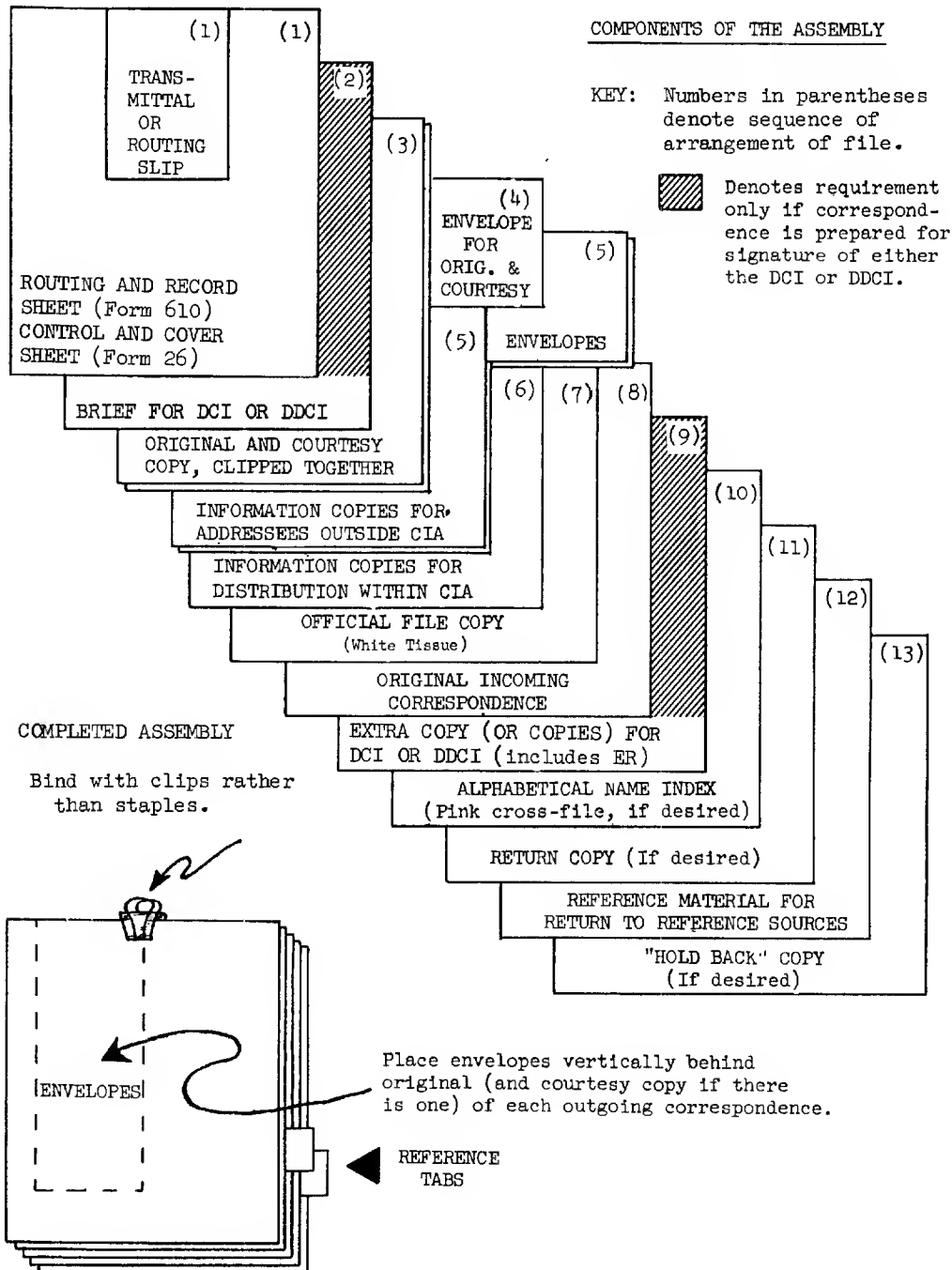


EXHIBIT 19  
CORRESPONDENCE ASSEMBLY

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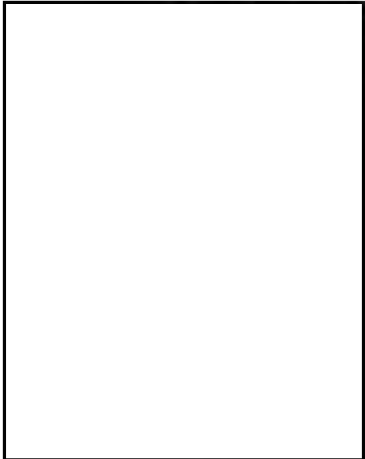
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